

JERSEY LEGISLATURE MEETS.

Watkins Speaks Proudly of the Guard and the State Finances.

TRENTON, N. J., Jan. 10.—The Legislature was organized this afternoon without a hitch.

The committees were announced in both houses and an adjournment was taken until next Monday evening. Charles A. Reed of Somerset county was chosen President of the Senate, Augustus S. Barber of Gloucester, Secretary, and J. Frank Lindley of Morris, Reading Clerk. The other officers are the same as last year. In the House there are but a few unimportant changes in the official roster. Acting Governor David O. Watkins was re-elected Speaker, and Thomas H. Jones of Es-

A concurrent resolution was adopted in both houses providing for the appointment of a committee to take charge of the inauguration ceremonies next Tuesday. It is composed of Senators Hutchinson, Francis and Braun, and Assemblymen Guenther, Wood, Bradley and Murphy.

The only incident during the day in the Senate was a brief speech by Allen L. Mc-

Demott of Hudson just before adjournment. He referred to the published reports of fraud in the election in his county last November, and said one of the most important duties of the Senate was to investigate charges of fraud affecting its members. He gave notice that if they did not do so at the next session of the Senate he would offer a resolution ordering an investigation. Senator Johnson replied that the Senate was not called upon to investigate all charges made in the newspapers.

ers, but that if the matter came properly before the body the Senate would deal with it. In his message to the Legislature last November Governor Fairbank said that the State of Nevada was in an excellent financial condition. Its income last year was \$2,354,322.05, three-fourths of which was received from the tax on railroad and other corporations. The disbursements were \$2,208,443.49. The balance in bank at the close of 1901 was \$1,001,324.45, the largest at the close of any year in the State's history. The State "war debt," he said, had been paid off by the payment of \$200,000 and the principal sum of this debt will be further re-

owed by the payment of \$123,000, due Jan. 1, 1895, leaving the last installment of the war debt \$71,000, which falls due Jan. 1, 1902. This covers their indebtedness to the State concerning the land donated to the Agricultural College, which makes the State's total indebtedness \$110,000. Against this there are in the State fund 1,887 shares of stock of the United Railroad and Canal Companies of New Jersey, the market value of which amounts to \$486,840, which is independent of the sinking fund, which the State Treasurer reports amounts to \$52,854,344.

The estimated receipts from all sources for the current year are \$3,188,344.45, and the estimated expenditures, based on the appropriation bill passed last year, \$2,169,677.32, which leaves a balance of \$898,527.13 from which various programs may be funded by the present legislature.

Concerning the State's National Guard, the message says: "Too much praise cannot be bestowed upon the National Guard in every branch of its organization for its patriotic and loyal response individually and collectively to the call of the President for volunteers in our time of crisis."

enlistment that when the allotment of troops for service from this State was received by the Governor great difficulty was encountered in making the selection of the regiment to go into the field."

The message closes with the explanation that recommendations for legislation are left to the Governor-elect. Voorhes, as Speaker, Watson believes it would be improper for himself as a legislator to make such recommendations.

Immediately after the Legislature adjourned the Republican Senators and Assemblmen

THE WRECK AT DUNELLEN.

The responsibility for the wreck on the Lehigh Valley Railroad at West Dunellen on Sunday afternoon had not been determined officially yesterday. W. O. Spriggs, division superintendent of the road east of Easton, Pa., made his headquarters in his private car at Round Brook during the day and devoted himself to the care of the dead and injured. He was actively seconded by Claim Agent Roll of the company. Mr. Spriggs said that

thorough investigation would be made, under his direction, as to the cause of the disaster and the responsibility for it, but that he could not undertake that work until the most and more important duty of the company's representatives to humanity was completed. He said that none of the employees had been discharged or suspended and that he would be until investigation revealed the necessity or propriety of so ordering.

Dr. Samuel Long, county physician of Middlesex, signs the death certificates of those

ing death "to accident in a collision on the Lehigh Valley Road." Under the law it rests with him as to whether an inquest shall be held or not. He expects to meet the chief clerks of the road to-day, and if it is made clear that they do not intend to dispute the cause of the deaths, no inquest is likely to be held. An inquest may, however, be made by Grand Jury of Middlesex county, and Prosecutor of the Pleas John S. Voorhis was at Pound Brook on Monday evening inquiring of the accident.

The number of dead still stands at sixteen.

four of those killed outright were unidentified when yesterday's Six went to press, two were identified yesterday. These are Mrs. C. Parrish of Sheranofah, Pa., and Miss Mary Sminsky of Shamokin. Their bodies were identified at De Mott & Co.'s morgue at Bound Brook. A committee of citizens from Shamokin, Pa., and a farmer who came on to view all the bodies notified that of Mrs. Parrish. Later two persons affirmed the identification. The body of Miss Sminsky was identified

E. F. Davis, a relative, who said that she came on from Shamokin with George Smith to be married. George's body was identified by Davis as the body of Joseph Smith, who he had been designated as "J." because those initials were on his cuff buttons. He was a son of Jacob Joseph of Shamokin, and apparently wore his father's buttons. Joseph was 22 years old and his betrothed 18. She was the woman the top of whose head was cut off.

Two bodies, one that of a man and the other that of a woman, remained unidentified at Sand Brook last night. Eight bodies were

to the Pennsylvania homes of the victims, Engineer Pendegast was sent to his home at Weston. The other injured at the hospital are reported as doing satisfactorily.

Rev. M. C. A. held exercises at the house of Miss Avenue and Forty-fifth street last night. In the absence of Cornelius Vanderbilt he was expected to preside, Chauncey M. Jew acted as Chairman. After a prayer by Rev. W. H. P. Faunce and the singing of a hymn, the annual report was read by Secretary A. Warfield. William E. Dodge then made an eulogy of the late W. M. McKim. The General Secretary of the Y. M. C. C. of the city, Joseph Ramsey, Jr., Vice-President the Walcott system, spoke on the value of

M. C. A. organizations to the railroads, "because of their influence in keeping men out of the unions," he said. "The railroads are a monopoly," he said, "and non-union companies, invest more capital in the founding of M. C. A. halls."

"We pay millions of dollars a year for safety devices," he said, "but unless the man behind the appliance has a steady hand and a steady brain, the train accidents are costing us tens of millions of dollars, and perhaps the greatest losses are the lives of the men who operate these railroad men from habits that steady them is of actual monetary value."

Actress Mattie Couper Asphyxiated.
ATKINSON, N. J., Jan. 10.—Mrs. William Dolan, a young actress, known on the stage as

The coupe, was found dead this morning in room at the Biju Hotel, adjoining the Biju Theatre. She had died of asphyxiation retired late last night, after the evening performance at the theatre. A gas jet was turned on, then lighted, but a gas heater was the corner with the jets turned full on. Mrs. Delavoy was 25 years of age, and was wife of William Delavoy, a comedy sketcher, who is playing in New York. County Justice McBride and the police say death due to accident. No one believes the man committed suicide.